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13. (Secret - GLC) At his request, I met with William Spell,
Administrative Assistant to Senator John Stennis (D. , Miss.). Spell
indicated that Senator Stennis is relying on him more and more to keep
him informed on world developments. This is particularly true at this
period in the beginning of the 91st Congress with the pressures on the
Senator and in his new capacity as Chairman of the Senate Armed Services
Committee. Spell feels a real need for informative briefings on the world
situation so that he can better assist Senator Stennis during this period.
He asked if we could provide these briefings and then keep him informed
of any significant developments as they occur. I told Spell we would be
happy to do this and I am to arrange for him to be briefed within the next
few days on the Middle East situation, which he felt was a most important
area for him to concentrate on initially. We will then provide briefings on
other areas on a priority basis.

I talked with Spell, at some length, about the problem created by
Senator Stephen M. Young's (D. , Ohio) remarks on the floor of the Senate
castigating both the Agency and the Director in connection with the Pueblo
incident. Spell agreed that it would serve no useful purpose to try to answer
Senator Young in an open forum on this subject. In this regard, he showed
me a proposed press release which he had prepared for Senator Stennis'
use, largely as a result of Senator Peter H. Dominick's (R. , Colo.) written
request to the Chairman requesting the Armed Services Committee's action
on the Pueblo matter. Spell expects that Senator Stennis will make a state-
ment today urging patience and restraint on the Senators and the public
generally, until the Navy Board of Inquiry is concluded and reaches its
findings.

Spell expects that Senator Stennis will defer to Senator Russell in the
chairing of CIA Subcommittee sessions. He does expect, however, in the
months ahead, Senator Stennis will want to establish a close relationship
with the Agency and will want to be kept informed of world developments
in much the same way he did during Senator Russell's illness when he
(Senator Stennis) was acting chairman of the Senate Armed Services
Committee.

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14. (Secret - GLC) Met with Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and informed him of my contacts with Senator Russell's staff in response to Charles Campbell's request for information as to how the North Koreans figure its territory. I reviewed a map with Woodruff prepared by OCI showing the difference between the use of contour and base line theories with regard to territorial waters.

Woodruff informed me that he had been in touch with Senator Russell regarding the arrangements for Admiral Taylor to pay a courtesy call on Senator Russell at which time Senator Russell would raise his views with regard to the Pueblo. I have been in touch with Proctor Jones, on Senator Russell's staff, in an effort to establish a date and time for this meeting.

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Woodruff gave me an informal memorandum addressed to me from ☐ project. Woodruff said he knew I had called the Director's attention to the fact that Senator Russell had given his approval for the development of this project subject to later discussions and prior to any operational utilization.

25X1A   He said he had written the memorandum so that he could assure Senator Russell that the Senator's requirements regarding this project had been
25X1A   conveyed to us. He said this was just a further indication of the close
25X1A   attention that Senator Russell is ☐
25X1A   I advised Woodruff that ☐ Office of Personnel, had
25X1A   interviewed ☐ this morning and that the interview had seemed
25X1A   quite satisfactory from our point of view and ☐ Arrangements will be made for further interviews of ☐ by Agency officials.

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